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In re Patent Application of:
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have reviewed Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained in the Notice of Allowability mailed on September 21, 2005, and wish to submit the following remarks. The Statement paraphrases several limitations from independent claims 1 and 3 as reasons for allowance of the claims. Applicants wish to note that the claimed invention is limited only by the limitations recited in the claims rather than the paraphrased language in the Statement.

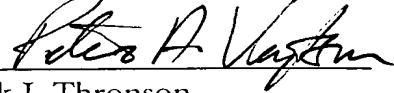
The Statement also states that "[s]pecifically, the prior art lacks a switch for turning off the connection between the storage means and power generation means while the detection result is informed." Applicants wish to point out that the quoted language is not a claim limitation, and that independent claims 1 and 3 are allowable due to the combination of all of the limitations recited in the claims.

Moreover, dependent claims 2, 4 and 5 recite limitations which, in combination with their base claims, render the dependent claims allowable over the prior art.

Otherwise, Applicants agree with the Examiner that the allowed claims distinguish over the prior art.

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